



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 337

By Representative Rich

and

Senator Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Thomas "Tom" Raymond Karcher of Somerville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely death of Mr. Thomas Raymond Karcher; and

WHEREAS, Tom Karcher was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Karcher served with acumen and alacrity as a County Commissioner for Fayette County, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and the community alike for the exemplary quality of his leadership; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his death, Mr. Karcher was a farmer and land owner, involved with his brother and family in the operation of Karcher Farms; he was also active in many community activities and advisory boards that included the Republican Party, the University of Tennessee Extension Service, Leadership Fayette, and was a graduate of the local WestStar program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Karcher was born February 17, 1951, in Kansas City, Missouri, to the late Helen Eileen Watson Karcher and the late Henry George Karcher; and

WHEREAS, Tom Karcher was an active and devout member of the Somerville First United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, educated in the Memphis public school system, Tom Karcher was also a graduate of Memphis State University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Karcher was an enthusiastic duck hunter and outdoorsman who cherished the land, the beauty of nature, and agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Tom Karcher was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Judy, and was the proud father of Rob Karcher and Jenny Karcher; he is also survived by his grandsons, Jackson Bradley and Grant Karcher, his brother, Ed Karcher, and a host of nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Tom Karcher leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Tom Karcher, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

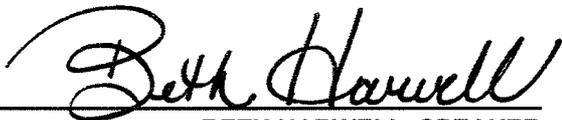
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Karcher.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: MAY 4, 2011



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 16th day of May 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR